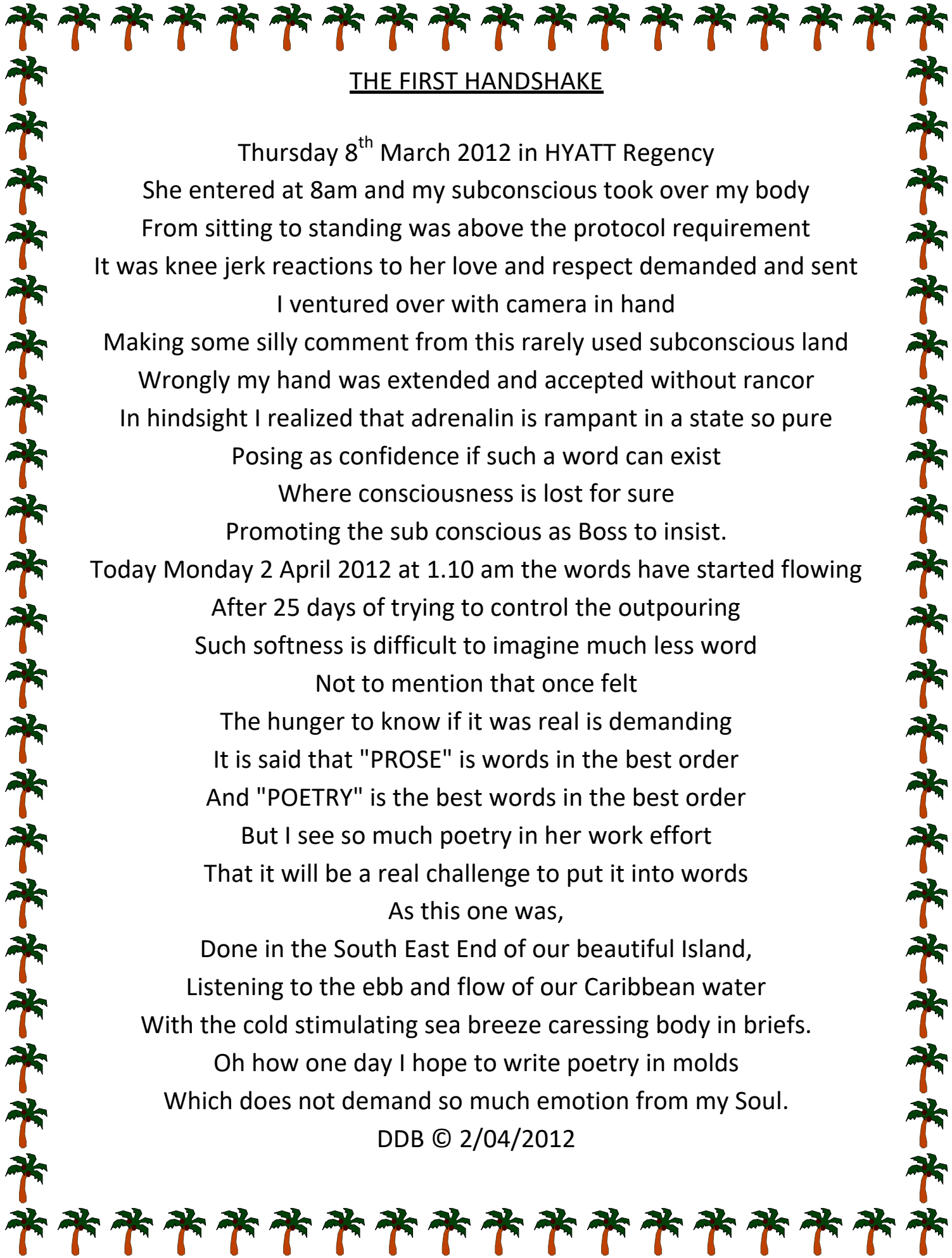


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## THE FIRST HANDSHAKE

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012 in HYATT Regency

She entered at 8am and my subconscious took over my body  
From sitting to standing was above the protocol requirement  
It was knee jerk reactions to her love and respect demanded and sent

I ventured over with camera in hand  
Making some silly comment from this rarely used subconscious land  
Wrongly my hand was extended and accepted without rancor  
In hindsight I realized that adrenalin is rampant in a state so pure

Posing as confidence if such a word can exist

Where consciousness is lost for sure

Promoting the sub conscious as Boss to insist.

Today Monday 2 April 2012 at 1.10 am the words have started flowing

After 25 days of trying to control the outpouring  
Such softness is difficult to imagine much less word

Not to mention that once felt

The hunger to know if it was real is demanding  
It is said that "PROSE" is words in the best order  
And "POETRY" is the best words in the best order

But I see so much poetry in her work effort  
That it will be a real challenge to put it into words

As this one was,

Done in the South East End of our beautiful Island,  
Listening to the ebb and flow of our Caribbean water  
With the cold stimulating sea breeze caressing body in briefs.

Oh how one day I hope to write poetry in molds  
Which does not demand so much emotion from my Soul.

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